

Nov 1941

Dearest Lestruck

Thank you for your letter Nov. 13
just came today. So glad to hear
from you, I just can not tell you
how much I do want to see you
all. My arms just ache to
hug the children, you do that
& give my Teddy a love squish
How glad we are to hear what good
success they are making in school.
How the piano & silent would love
to hear Sally, Lou & Jacky.

Will have to wait & answer about
Montreal we haven't discussed
it yet; but we must. We have been
so busy, have the bulbs planted
& the different kinds of plants
set out. I made the rose bed

made it - set out those which
me fit + got your nervous all
are living. I have made a new
bed which is ready. The new ones
come in from Texas on Tuesday
Our grass looks bad, too much
dry weather, the pump must
bad so the colored man could not
water. it will come out from the
heavy rains we have had.

more all end so well and so
thankful to our heavenly Father
I will write a long letter just
as soon as I can. I have all
the "Bread + Butter" with million
+ tabs just too bad. I have million
to Aselle, Faith + Glen. And I trust
God will use the letters for their good
+ His glory. Please pray for them
Oh! how they need a new heart Faith

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our milk will be a can
in letter

605-22nd Ave. North
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Nov. 15th 1941.

Dearest Gertrude and Family;

We are again so happy to receive your much appreciated messages. Your last of 12 & 13th received this morning. Your letters are always, when possible, read with the three of us sitting together. Now we rejoice that you are all getting along so nicely. It is always so when the Lord is consciously in our midst. Delightful Sallie 'Lou's grades and Jackie's fine work at music and & studies. We take a good look at all of you frequently and especially at Dear "Booster" Teddy. My! how we would love to take him up in our arms and hug him good. I know he'd love it too, for I love it myself. Yesterday I had the experience. I'll tell it you in a whisper. Mrs. Dr. Lau returned from the North a few days ago, and with her came Dr. Lau's two daughters for company and for exchange in driving so far - from Detroit to St. Petersburg. Well, Olivette and I called on them yesterday, not knowing that these two lovely Daughters were there. But having had such a fine time upon leaving, believe me I got it as I have not for many a day. These Dear ~~two~~ souls, one at a time, threw their arms around my neck and hugged and kissed me the like to make any one envious who should have seen it. They were thinking, with years in their eyes, no doubt of their Dear Father like whom they seem to think I look. Well, this would be some dreary world without christian fellowship, would 'nt it. *I should have said these ladies are 50 & 40 & both married* We sometimes forget its joy and its influence.

We were also glad to know that you can have the DeCamps so near you this winter, and the Peters also. Please kindly remember us to both families. And tell the Peters we shall be looking for them till we see them on our porch. If they are looking for a nice warm but not too warm a place they ought to find such in St. Pete.....

By the way I did not intend to write so much, but something you said in your last letter which we recd this morning made me anxious to know the meaning of it. You merely mentioned it, thinking of course we had gotten the Board letter explaining what it meant. It is this you remarked that the Board letter said that all had come out of Korea. Now we receive the Board letters always I guess, but no letter making any such statement came to our home. Please tell us what you know about it. And whether it is from the Board or from some other source.

This bears our bushels of love to you from us all. Mother is now making a rose bed with our help and others. Why not enjoy what God has so lavishly spread out before His children to to delight them?
Again Lovingly
Father.

605-22 Avenue, N.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

November 27th, 1941.

Dearest Family:

*Herbert & Harold } please pass on
Mary }
Esther & Hugh } promptly!*

It has been so long since I have written on the typewriter I'm ^{sure} I shall make many mistakes, but maybe you'll be glad to hear from me!!

Today was our Thanksgiving Day. We left the house at 9:45 A.M. picked up Mrs Grant Jones (retired Presby. Missionary from India and mother of Dr Wilfred Jones of Wooster and India. She is 78 years old, quite lame from having broken her leg or hip twice, but with all a peppy interesting woman, and she is Scotch, tho her husband was from Ohio. she is here for her health. That's a biography in brief!) We went to the Mirrow Lake church- one of the two union Thanksgiving services held in downtown churches. At 12 o'clock we four were at the Thanksgiving dinner held by the Ohio Society- There were 168 present! Dinner was a full course delicious turkey dinner, with a good speech afterwards, then a short entertainment--a girl in a very pretty colonial costume gave a toe dance, and two girls in very full evening dresses did a tap dance. The dinner was at the Shrine Club, and this evening there was to be another big dinner for another group- I think they said over 200!! Imagine what a busy kitchen!

We seem to be gradually falling into something of a routine, but it can just as easily be broken, it seems, by the unexpected. But in general- Monday is Missionary Society, Circle meeting, or Bible study class. One of them meets on each Monday of the month, so I changed my washday to Tuesday! Delia comes on Tuesday, and brushes up the house and scrubs the bathroom and kitchen floors, and as I start the washing a little early, she is able to do the heavier ironing. That was important when we had Father's light suits in the wash. Wed. and Thur. are unscheduled, but seem to be full. For instance, last Wednesday- I was down town on house errands from 11 to 2:30, and when I got back I found Mother had gone ahead with apple jam making. She peeled 4 pounds of apples, had ground the apples in the meatgrinder, had boiled the skins separately for the juice, had boiled one pound of the two cranberries we had bought for this and was just putting it all together. I had planned to spend the rest of the afternoon writing letters, but Mother was so tired she was about ready to sit down, but not give up! so I changed my clothes, and quietly suggested that while she take a wee nap I would watch the jam. We had five quarts of all this to be boiled down, and had to divide it into two batches and boil each separately, as we had only one enamel kettle large enough. I added the other pound of cranberries, and it all turned out fine- about 9 pints of jam, but it took me until supper time. Father loves his jam, you know! so we occasionally make up a batch of apple jam, rather apple butter. Mother is getting great comfort and joy with roses. She had the colored man dig a deep bed about 5" x 6", and got it all ready according to instructions. We bought 1 dozen roses and because she did not like the way the colored man transplanted some that were already here, she was going to plant these herself. Well- she couldn't do that, so I planted the 12 roses. Of course the bed was all ready, and the earth soft, but down on my knees, I put them in and Mother turned the hose on to let the water wash the sandy soil down under their roots,

*When I
got
home*

Dearest Gertrude:

Father and Mother so enjoyed their visit with you! They did come back too soon! for I had to go to the hospital that week! Wed. and was gone for 2 days. I haven't heard full report from Dr Dodd's office, but they did tell me that I have to continue taking Hydrochloric Acid! I doubt if they will find anything else wrong, tho they were not very definite about giving me any special recommendations re. rheumatism.

Thank you very much for the book you and Harold sent me for my birthday- "The Christian Life" by Hallesby. I have been reading it and find it very helpful. Thank you for so good a book to help in keeping near to Him. He is the same author as "Prayer" which Mr Peterson loaned us during the winter.

Esther is trying to find a woman to take care of her family while she is gone. How she needs to get away for a while, and get a new prospective on things, see new faces and places, etc. Dr Fitch is much more frail than when you were here, and requires so much waiting on, I don't see how she ever keeps so sweet, and ever gets ANY THING done! Last night we all went down there for Sun. night supper. Mary was with us for the week end. I took down two gal. of delicious cocoa and sandwiches, and ~~and~~ apple and peach juice sauce to put over the apple cobbler which Esther made- and was it all delicious! Esther also made hot biscuits full of cheese which were delicious and needed no butter.

She has not as yet found just the person to leave with her family. Hugh is thru teaching summer school, and can be at home, tho of course he must study too. The thought came to me- would you be willing to take Billy for the two or three weeks that Esther will be away. It would be a lot of extra work for you, but he and Teddy would play together, and they are of an age. I think Esther's mind would be greatly at rest if you feel that it is not too much and could take him. Mrs Ford has offered to take Sally for the three weeks, and Sally is just the age of Mrs Ford's youngest. Mrs Ford has 5 of her own! Mrs Ellis has offered to take Mimi who is a very good friend of one of her three children! Both these women are good friends of Esthers and I think they are about PERFECT neighbors! We are just hoping and praying that Dr Fitch won't get worse, which would prevent Esther's leaving. She has counted so on going, and needs to get away for awhile. Mary is a darling and is making Esther a new dress in the new shade of green, and an egg-shell blouse to wear with her brown suit, and Mary bought Esther the cutest little -top of the head- hat in green with a plume! to match the dress. Esther will look stunning in it!

Let me know right away if you really do feel able to take Billy, and if you don't, we will manage some other way. The woman staying with Hugh and Grandpa would take care of him, but the experience of being with you would be good for him too.

Just now we expect to leave here about noon on the 3rd, and stay with you that night, the next night with the Hunts in Phila. I really would love to come to Ventnor but I haven't the time, as I must go ~~in~~ to New York again, and there is washing and cleaning to do etc! ~~It~~ has been such a fine thing to spend the summer here, I am sure we shall be doing it again if Father and Mother keep well

enought to make the trip. Of course next summer will be Montreat!

If I wasn't going to see you all in Princeton, I surely would have to come to Ventnor, for I long to see you all so much. Here are big hugs and kisses for each of the children -

Sally Lou- oooooooooo ++++++

Jackie -000000 +++++

Teddy -0 0 + +

I've been fair- tell them to count them!!

Devotedly- myb love to you all

149 Prospect St,
Leonia, N.J.

Monday 8/25/1941

Luella

606-22nd av., N.

St Petersburg, Fla. Dec. 15, '41

My Dearest Lestrude:

I am reminded that tomorrow
is your Birth day, Dec. 16"

May God richly bless you My
dear and give you many more
Happy returns of the Day
I will especially pray for you.
We are so very thankful that
you are keeping well, the
good news helps to keep me well
too: but the surprise news on
Sunday and the constant radio
just about upset my nerves and gave
me a spell of indigestion.

On Friday I must take doctor for an
examination, I wanted a heart examination
for when I got the spells of indigestion

my heart seemed to object to the
pressure. I had no blood pressure
nor heart trouble so I came home
with the same kind of a report.
Dr. Barnes gave me in Leiria,
I decided to take mov. rest + listen
to the radio less. He gave me an
easy medicine for indigestion and
I am much better. This P. M. I met
with Albino + Instrument with
Woman's Missionary Society +
tea which circle two gave that
a pleasant time. Gertrude Peterson
Duncan spoke on Christmas in
China + Albino on " " "
Korea, they were dressed in Chinese
dress and Korean dress. We go to
the missionary meetings at
Sact. Numerate: but with the wood lanes
for church service. I think I'll
try + go to prayer meetings too. I like the

I pastor & his wife and the people whom
we have met. Of course Mrs. Mrs. Stokes -
being doubt like it very much. We real-
ize we can help build up the church for
Woodlawn is small & needs help
Father is teaching the Adult class
of men & women & has it up stairs
a long hard climb, which I can not
do and no doubt others stay away because
of the same. We are sure there will be another
place found. Little Supply is
a class of young married women
when the teacher can not be there.
Different ladies ask about you often
no doubt where you have spoken, and
they feel they know you. Some of the
dear old ladies remind me of the Korean
women we knew & loved. In just a few
moments we are to hear President
Roosevelt on the radio. It is almost ten
o'clock and I feel I'd like to be in bed.

4 will try to get your box packed
and sent tomorrow if possible. work
seems to pile up: because of so many
other things coming in. I had quite a
mail today. A letter from Mr. Bruner
written in August at Eorai, also a
letter from Dr. ^{Kemp} Soon Sik ^{Choi} who
used to be my secretary is now a
doctor in Soon Chum, his wife is a
graduate nurse & her brother is also
a doctor they have a hospital in
Soon Chum, I was so glad to get a
letter from Esther today too.
I wish we knew just what to send for
Christmas to make ^{all} the children happy
I feel they will be happy any way we
know: but it doubt make us feel good
not to be in the joy & good times they
will have. Alvin suggests we send
some money & let them get what they
really want: but to tell the real truth
we are ^{all} hard up just now & can't
afford much. I suppose I should to

5- take so much for tea + some more
tea and this and that: but m'ill get
along all right. we are so thankful
for a comfortable place to live and all
the blessings + good things God gives
us. we are so thankful to be here in
this quiet place. Not anxious. we
are to hear about the ship which
left Manila Nov. 27. with Mrs. Mrs. Brown
with Harry Miss Alice Parillo, Miss Nellie
Crawford, Miss Del master Marius Kinsler
Ella Sharrock, + Mrs. Helen Henderson.
They are expected to land in San Francisco
Dec. 20. "God grant that they are safe
+ will land there. I am sure you got the
Boone letter of Nov. 28."

Thank you so much for your letter of
Dec. 11" and also for sending
Miss Hartman's letter, will get the
page ready for Mr. Peter's birthday
book.

They are coming down here for
the winter, no wonder if they are?
Dr. & Mrs. Young, a class mate of
father's are coming: but a letter
not received today tell that they
have given it up & will stay in
Michigan rather than travel on
train.

What a lovely time you will have,
will wish to come to visit you too
for Christmas when the time comes.

Father and Clinton join with me
in sending much love & very best
wishes for a happy Birth-day.

Phil. 1:5, Here with the Harmonic
Benedictions Numbers 6:24-26.

How love them to our
Mother

John Estlin - Hugh & children
& Mary - no will you

Dec. 15-
1897

Dearest Gertrude:

Tomorrow is your birthday, and I don't have an appropriate card to send you, but I do want to send you my love and best wishes, and tell you how much I love you, and I know this day will be a happier day than a year ago when we had just arrived in St. Pete!

How wonderful that your whole family is all together.

Today has been a rather full day. I was in with Mrs. Horrell & decorate the table at 12 o'clock for the Missionary

tea. Our circle (no 2) served the
tea after the monthly missionary
meeting. Gertrude Sungen
and I were dressed in
our respective costumes &
Told about our Christmas es
in the Orient. Poor Gertrude
is carrying a heavy burden.
Her mother is really too ill
to talk to, and it worries her
to have the children there.
Of course Gertrude is very
anxious about Irving, tho
she appears calm. Even her
father is not well, and
things upset him easily,
so he can't sleep when
he discusses difficulties

of which there are plenty these
 days. Following my little
 message we had a season
 of prayer for our missionaries
 etc. Mrs Grant Jones (Wilfred's
 mother) and our Mother made
 such fine prayers.

Margaret Strickberg & I
 poured tea from a table
 beautifully set with a lovely
 Italian embroidered table-
 cloth, silver candlesticks
 and the center piece - a
 pewter dish filled with
 huge double pompanos -
 there were 12 tall red
 candlesticks - It was lovely

Gertrude Swegart was supposed
to pour tea, but Jimmy has
been sick with flu, and tho
he is better, she had to
return right away.

I am sitting by the radio
listening, and President
Carnegie has just come on
so I must stop, as I do
not want to listen to what
he has to say.

We are working on a
Christmas general letter. The
lady who mimeographed
them put in so much
more punctuation and bold
that it is taking a lot of
coloring! Wish Sally for

were here to help me -
 I wish I could do them all,
 but will do quite a few.

Am so glad to hear
 will be with you folks for
 Christmas. It will do
 her a world of good.

So many people ask
 about you, and how you
 are. Do you remember
 a Miss Peckles - a funny
 thing's woman who is rather
 subject to "gushing" - I
 saw her the other day & she
 asked especially to be remembered.
 Always, (I wish.) I think.

Mother wants to send this
letter tonight and as it
is late - will close and
will go to the mail box
which is only half a block
away.

Thank you so much for your
good letter & the news papers.
Will get the pages for
Mr. Baxter.

Heaps love dear
Spirits

MRS. WILLIAM L. SWALLEN
PYENGYANG, KOREA.

St. Petersburg,
Dec. 29, 1911

My dear Mrs. Lestrade:

Thank you so much for your good letter which came for Christmas. They read it and I must tell you I read it myself but I will. I must take the time to sit down and read & enjoy the many fine greetings which have come.

I was with your dear ones all day Christmas in my thought. I wish the box of things reached you Wednesday, which it could have been now. You saw of course our Christmas letter & father's Christmas poem I was much worried because it was so delayed in the making & the woman who prints it put on so many decorations which had the colored work but look pretty & lovely like the happy season. Well, that or most of it fell true. Oh! how

Came, so Etta met⁴ Dr. Rowland +
had him for the hour + he found her
sitting in front of the fire - gaslight +
going or full Hart. They sent for the Coroner
The Dr. Rowland I suppose the Coroner
said she probably died Wednesday evening
Cause of her death was "acute dilatation of
the heart and hardening of the arteries."
The body was removed to the funeral home
of Emerson + Son. Service held on Sunday
there and interment made in the Mausoleum
-lum. She looked so very frail + really
sick when we met there, but she came to attend
every day + ate with us there. + had her
dinner parties for us at the restaurant
she looked after the table getting the flowers
etc. we had such a nice time. Myself met to
wollen she had some big cloth - slippers
she was not dressed near so she was so
very badly stopped. Etta said she had a trumpet
in her side. She always wore a jacket which
covered it. She remembered us to go to her house
Etta said that she could not find her house
up so she could not have company.

I did write for 2 very precious Sally Lou
help me, can yacht or be last turned
in + helped quite a little. Write what
she could and miss Delia at 25.00 - an
hour worked some at it at last P. R.
said we'd send her mil' for the color
and miss put 24 in the envelopes uncolored
I could not see to send them that day so
yesterday. Took them out and colored them
myself. Father or the last came to
help me finish so they could be mailed
last night. Sorry they were late: but I
still have some more to color and send
but its better late than none or not send
at all. I must be send a letter to say
one of her who me on that boat what
said for Marilla Nov. 27, we are now
waiting ^{to hear} if my car reached San Francisco
I'll send to the Board and has them
forwarded. I know you will care for all of
them, besides the Philpotts and Bruce +
Kelly + the five precious little ones

Not even Roanna could go in. Hadn't
been there for two years. I suppose that was
the reason Etta did not try to get in: but
got her doctor to open the house.
Etta will tell me about it when she
writes. The whole family has been so
very kind and good to her. Seldom a
day passed that she did not go to Etta's
and ate with them a lot. She & Add both
loved Roanna so much. She was just
a joy to them. She is such a dear girl.
She is married to Jack Lake & has
gone to the camp where he is, I suppose.
Just at the time of Em's death
Russ was sick and Etta took care
of him & kept the store, little wonder
she did not look after Aunt Em.
It will be interesting to hear how she had
tidied up her things & to whom she

Jan Grandy & her Cliff's farm etc.
The article said all the relatives she had
was a nephew & niece of Rich Wood, O,
And the nephew & niece on the million side
The obituary was very short, wonder who
wrote it? Will tell you more when I write
our Christmas was very quiet, we must
to the 1st. Mrs. Jones died at 10.4.11.
Father did not go, Mrs. Jones & Annie
Mrs. Cooper and a friend of Carrie's & me
three went to a "Dutch" dinner at
St. Mary Bradford each one paid their
own bill. After a delicious dinner all
came home home for the P.M. we spent it
very happily, closed after a light lunch
for supper singing & prayer and next
Mrs. Cooper took the others home about nine
Mrs. Jones did appreciate it so much, poor
dear she is my lane: but is happy in the
Lord she says her son Wilford Jones is
longing to go back to Lucie, Mon. Can't
I can say says all with to S. S. Jones
Hester etc. are only, Mother

Cor. of Levidan + Prospect St,
149 Prospect St,
Levidan, N. J.

Aug. 21, 1911

Dearest Leticia:

Your letter of yesterday just
came. Thanks so much I am going
to write immediately. I was wrong in
saying on Sat not heard from you for
either you or us your letter to read
I meant or had received no letter I
knew you had guests, am sure you
are busy. My! if your family wish
the dishes for you you can sit down
you may be glad. Each had 2 pies of
apples + gave us some to. Have
made apple jam, + Apple jelly
then ^{rose jam} will bring you some.
Write next me to New York day
before yesterday to last the physical

examinations has not yet come back.
She is staying with Mary, she'll be
back now any time.

Father + I have been consulting
the calendar when it will be best
for us to plan to leave here and also
I have been talking about Esch going
with us to Hugh + Esther.

The children's school starts Sep. 2

and I think Hugh said his school
begins Sep. 15. so if they can get a
woman for one week ^{or two} she might go
with us to Ohio + come back by train
Esch + I certainly need a change
a rest from the daily routine.

So we may be leaving Sep. 3."

Now for next week we could not
come for us, Mrs. Roberts + Arthur
are leaving with Aug. 20 or 25. Bill
Dayton this wife said for Coast a Rica

3. I'd love to see them too. I met his
wife six years ago at Keswick, both
her & her father.

This week has been so busy, we haven't
yet done our laundry.

Aug. 9. We have been invited to attend
a kind of animal fair at the
Ideal Farm where our good

Milk we get comes from
a farm of 1200 acres, with 700 Cattle
and fine big horses.

The handling of the milk is out
here about 15 miles, the farm is
about 50. The young man who
delivers the milk will take us or
go at the same time. It will be
about eight o'clock.

We have 3 birds days this month.

Wants to be 10" mine 16" + mine's 26."

4 So if you'll have to have
some things in my job it's
not at mine's, so it might be
we can come the second week
some time, we can only stay
a few days. Thank you so much.
Whether - Olivette will come or not
I don't know. will let you know
just as soon as we can decide.
I hear Olivette down stairs, she has
come, and it's lunch time so will
finish later.

10:2 P.M now lunch over & dishes
washed, will finish before I take my
nap. Olivette thinks she can't deal
with us to Ventura. when the doctor
calls her she will go and be
at the hospital for a few days for
the examination. I doubt if I go one

5- to New York at all. I would the
thought of it. Father & I expecting so
well & sleep like children only
when we get troubled or worried
then sleep stays away. There is the
time when we can pray and wait
upon God & there is need of it these
days.

We were so glad to get H. E. Blair's
letter and also one from Central
enclosed & Dorae, young
Dorae is married, they will all be
at Dorae this summer. Wouldn't
read as happy to be at dear old
Dorae by the beautiful beach.

Just as soon as we see Dr. Clark
& then the Star, I will write to you
I'm sure and anxious to see you.
I wish I could go to see you Clark

I am sure she is wonderful.
Katharine works at the Bible
School. Elveth says they speak
so well of Allen & his work at
the Board rooms.

He is starting Bible Institutes
like in Laramie, Wyo.

How I long to see you all & have a
chat. I long for my precious little boy
& wife too. We are glad for Esther's
children. The morning Mimi & Sally
came over on mimi's bicycle
yesterday they went out about 30 mi.
for a picnic & swim in a beautiful
lake. Esther & Mac, Fred took the
10 children

I must close love trails now & go
our little Teddy a hug & kiss, How
I love you all. Write love
mother.

August 26th 1941,
Leonia, N.J.

Dear Harold;

Yours of 25th Inst. received. I note what you say about your appointments. Unless something unbeknown to me it would seem the dates you mentioned as being taken, the time between Oct. 2 & 3 which is Thursday and Friday when you will be in Harrisburg, will give you ample time to get to Johnstown on the 4th and spend Sunday the Oct. 5th at Johnstown. No doubt you will have a chance to speak at Johnstown on the 5th if you wish to do so, and also at Mother's home church if you like. We will be ready to leave Johnstown the morning of October 6th, and if nothing unforeseen prevents ought to reach St. Petersburg easily by Wednesday P.M. That will suit us beautifully, and I will give you a day and more to get your things ready to leave Oct. 10th A.M. which will land you, or ought to, Oct. 11th Princeton. You no doubt will be able to reach your preaching point in the Northumberland Presbytery Saturday or day or night. To be sure it will keep you going but think it possible, if you feel like doing it. If depending by the road as I have it is only a nice 6 or 7 day and half drive in almost a straight line Johnstown to Sp. Mt. - so if there is an awful reason you could start back on Sunday the 6th. It will be a real tired restful drive home. Olivette will drive much of the way if you let her to give you rest. But if it is not convenient for you to do it please do not put your self out too much to do it, we no doubt can get someone from Ohio O.K. Love

Father

Aug 1891

149 Proslut, av.,
Lewis, N. J.

Dear Gertrude:

Here to Monday and Hermin
Wittes, or had a good trip home
Escher came in a short time & we
were soon home. I remember I did
not on Wednesday. It was a full wk.
Sat. P. M. The boats came & just left
the morning. Of course we had a
good visit and fellowship.

They were here for my birth day
celebration which Escher & Olive
gave at Arthur's. Duffer in the yard
Arthur had invited William and Anna
& Annie Louise Baird and
Mrs. Weeren from Pinaras China
They are Pinaras Park, N. Y.

are going to Ventnor as soon as
the house, that is on the corner. The new
one story yellow house, is ready.

I never saw millions look so well.

Christie prepared a lot of the supper
& on that it shew. As Dr. Fitch could
enjoy the out of doors. Mr. Hunt &
Hugh carried him down in the yard.

It was a joy to see how he enjoyed it
How millions & Anne & ^{Anna} Louise enjoyed the
children a sweet child.

I really got a double Celebration
The lovely day one week today that
you had. I think you know how I can
Pig and eat. at Esthers, with such
dear dear friends. Fran & Dorothy
& the children & you all, present it
only it is in cold weather when we
will and we got here soon could
we have what blatte must over to 4.

and got her physical examination
over & we could then to get Hunt's
letter & answer it & then leave the party
to us at 5. m. no doubt you see again
Rom. 8: 28 came true its all so lovely
and good of our God to remember us
you are moving Sep. 3. So we may get
off on that day 3rd. & stay all night
with the Hunts & go over to see you
the 4th & then leave for Canton Sat
P. m. you see I think has packed it
up: whether we will stick to it clearly
we'll know later. No only had more meals
and time drooply & we have a lot to do.
The matter has rushed we are will
come to see you. Hope we can see $\frac{21}{27}$ of
if she is still at the Music School.
Mr. Hunt thinks we can see the Hold of
that they will to look from Mrs. H. is here where

They have spent the summer, 1887, at N. Y.
If we can we are going to see Dr. & Mrs.
Brown this week. Father & Alvin
got the finances all fixed up not with
Kenneth Moore but Mr. Steel, Mr. Steel
will be invited to go all over it again
I'm perfectly sure. So that will be settled.
My father will see Mr. & Mrs. Peters
Peters & his father brought the tickets
over to New York on Sat. Mrs. Peters had
traveled in Pennsylvania some where &
seen a sick friend. They have a house in
Pineville for next year.

Teddy sent his love of dally love which is so
dear & sweet, hug & kiss him from ^{him} & think
Please tell him that Billy love looks &
he says that anyone in the room gets
one, so they can sing. I must send
this on. Oh yes! Did I hear two books
Fanny Gray & I can't think of the names
of the other. I wonder if it was for Alvin

3 Oh dear this awful "forgetter!"
If you find them will you please send
them home, a quite a job.
Something may be done and two of your
letters to Harold sent to Japan in way
has come, Charlotte says will keep
them until we go: but if Charlotte does
go to Kenton this wk. or next
then she can take them. I doubt if
we can get the time. She is getting
of these letters,
will love to hear about your trip
to Reswick. Glad to know you had
Miss M^r Kenzie with you.
It would be grand to be able to do
that for a Conference and to give
some real spiritual food.
That something, whatever found her
yet. The Presbyterian Church & Sunday

School is closed & only the
Methodist, the M. E. pastor
preaching. It would be well if he
could be at some real mile make
conference, & get a spiritual blessing
yourself. I told father & Mr. Hunt it
would be very good if they could call
on him - have some heart to heart
talks.

Please send the books soon if they
are there & I owe you money which
I'll give you when we come about
Sep. 9th. Please keep your eyes on
Daddy - don't let him run out on his
feet. Mother says when I awake I just
almost had a "spell" about him
thinking what might be. I can only pray
& trust; but you all must do what
you can. Eber has a "time" with Billy
it is like a flea too. Just heaps & tons of
all mother.

605 - 22nd Avenue, N.
St. Petersburg, Florida

Written from -
149 Prospect Street,
Leonia, New Jersey.
August 11th, 1941.

Dear Friends Everywhere:

Greetings to all our dear Friends, and here's another chapter in the Saga of the Swallens from Korea. Father and Mother have gone to Ventnor-by-the-Sea to be with Harold and Gertrude Voelkel and their children for a few days, so I shall write this letter for them and for myself.

Since last writing, many important things have happened, and we thank the dear Heavenly Father for His love and care in so many ways, and doing for us far beyond our thought.

We now have a permanent address in Florida - though always temporary this side of heaven! To take the place of the dear little home which was left in Korea, the Heavenly Father not only gave us definitely the idea of having a home in St. Petersburg, but led us to just the bungalow-home that meets our needs. The money from the sale of the house in Korea bought and furnished this new home. The house is in a very desirable location in the city, is not crowded by neighboring houses, and the front view overlooks an open city park which will never be built up. Father and Mother have greatly benefited by the lovely Florida climate, and you can easily imagine how grateful I am for the wonderful way in which the Lord has led and cared for us all. So now we are home-steaders in St. Petersburg and if any of you come to Florida, do be sure and come and see us at 605-22nd Ave. N.

We took possession of the house early in May, but with a bit of alterations to do, and furnishing it, we were not ready for company until the last of May when my sister Gertrude and her three children came and spent a few days with us before going north. Then my sister Mary, the nurse from New York City, and Little Mary Fitch, my sister Esther's 8 1/2 year old daughter, came for a month's vacation. Mary with her portable sewing machine helped us a lot in the many necessities of a new home.

We think there is no place quite so nice as St. Petersburg for a stopping and resting place after years of labor, but for this first summer at least, we were finding the days very hot and humid, though the nights were always cool. We felt we should go north for a while, and all of us were eager to see my sister Esther who could not leave her family and responsibilities for a trip south. Father and Mother were very eager, too, to visit relatives and friends and their old home places back in Ohio. Again the Lord most graciously provided. We were able to get a comfortable car at a reasonable price, and kind and thoughtful friends gave us the use of their lovely home in Leonia just a few blocks from Esther's home.

On the way north we stopped in Montreat, N.C. and had a delightful visit with many missionary friends from Korea, especially with Dr. and Mrs. W. D. Reynolds who were married the same year and sailed 49 years ago, on the same steamer for Korea with Father and Mother. The Lord willing, we hope the Reynoldses and my parents may celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversaries together in Montreat next summer, and we hope many friends can plan to be there to help them celebrate.

The drive from Florida to New York we took in easy stretches, and Father and Mother stood the trip very well. In fact they won't let anyone beat them in doing things! Little Mary entertained herself on many a stretch of the road improvising songs of free verse on what she saw. At one time her songs included God quite frequently, so curiosity overcoming us, we asked what she was singing, and her answer, "You mustn't listen, I'm singing to God." One sign we noticed bore the name "Chew and Sons" to which my sister Mary remarked, "We're 'Swallow and Daughters'!" In one city was a bronze tablet with the inscription "The first settlers" (etc), which I read aloud as we passed, and Little Mary immediately followed with "Adam and Eve";

We are happy Harold Voelkel was able to return from the Orient, arriving in July, and the Voelkels are again a united and happy family, a precious reward after the months of separation.

News from Korea is about the same. In July, after those had left who were returning to the States on furlough or for health and family reasons, there still remained in Korea some 45 Presbyterian missionaries who write that though the former work for many has been cut off, the decrease in numbers has given those remaining plenty to do. For example those working in the hospitals are very busy, and our agricultural missionary, Mr. Lutz, is doing a wonderful work in introducing and demonstrating how to grow new food stuffs, which are welcomed at this time as never before because of the shortage of rice and beans, which are being sent to the soldiers. Especially is he showing the Korean farmer what early vegetables can be grown and harvested on land that formerly yielded only one crop of rice a year. Mr. Lutz is showing just now that the nutritive pea (not as yet commonly grown in Korea) will give food in the spring when green vegetables are scarce, and will also fertilize the ground, a recent problem for the farmer because of the shortage of commercial fertilizer. There is always plenty of opportunity for service "in the King's business" for those who have a heart to serve.

Our plan for the present is to leave here about September 3rd and to visit in Ohio with Canton and Johnstown as our addresses there. We expect to return to Florida sometime late in September.

To you who are near New York or may happen to come this way, may I say that we will be here in Leonia until Sept. 1st, and our telephone is Leonia 4- 0987 J (under Rev. Earl Jackman). If when you call we are not in, we may be found at my sister's, Mrs. Hugh Fitch, 146 Park Ave. 'Phone - Leonia 4- 0660 J. Safety in numbers - don't you know! It would be a great joy to hear from you, a greater joy to have a visit with you.

Ever sincerely,

Olivette R. Swallen

After Sept. 1st-
Care of- Mr. Edgar Swallen,
1357 Logan Avenue, Canton, Ohio

Sept. 10th to 20th,
Care of- Mrs. R. C. Frederick,
Johnstown, Ohio

and all of us.

we are leaving
Monday morning
for Washington & back
to Wash. D.C.
Johnston et.

49 40 Colfax av.

Minneapolis,

Sep. 29. 1881.

My Dearest Lestruck & All,

As you see we are at Milburs
I came Wednesday Sep. 17. " about 12:30,
we had a lovely trip all the way
we left Leona about 11 A.M. arrived
at the Hunts in Germantown about
5 P.M. They ~~they~~ were waiting for us
I was glad that we could stop with you
if it was only for a short stay, what a
good thing we did not try to stay all night
for it would have been too much for you
when you were going next day, so
glad you must by train that if you
do travel state the way you will go
The auto is good: but one does get
tired. Of course you had a nice

2
time at Manassquan. I can
visualize all your good time
and the kissing you were to them
and to the church there.

May God grant you all this very
rich kissing, and use Harold
to his own glory, and take care of
you + the children during his
absence. How thankful that you
do keep Teddy so he can't run
out on the street. I have thought a
lot about my own little precious
toy and you all

My song has been all along the way
God will take care of you
I have learned by heart all of the
98th Psalm 5 Verses the way
Edwin M^r Lee sings it. It's
put in rhyme. I love it. I got it
at Aunt Mayme Malobarry's

3 They have an old Bible with
all the Psalms in Verse
as soon as I can I am going
to get a copy of the Psalms in
poetry. No wonder the United
Presbyterians love to sing them
well, I had a long trip all the
way, I came on what was called
Penn. Turnpike, some call it the
Super Highway, I took it 16 miles
west of Harrisburg, 160 miles in
a little over four hours, I think
I averaged about 45 to 50 mi. an
hour. The speed signs said "40"
I doubt driving fast and it's better.

Seven tunnels a little over one mile
each, lighted well and well air con-
ditioned, cost seventy millions dollars
came to the end just east of Pitsburg

* We stopped again "Black Beauty"
Some gas while waiting a big
storm came up. Father & I and in
the car + the two girls were in the
filling station. The yard was full
of cars, before dark the storm passed
I'm down on. Either saw on a
hill Tourist Home so we drove up
the hill and got two good rooms: but
had to go down to get some supper.
The storm had put out the electric
lights: we had supper by candle light
which wasn't at all bad, for the
lady was so kind to bring some good
again we went up the hill & they put
Black Beauty in the garage & we
went soon in bed. In the morning
I found we had slept in an old
house built in 1787. An Inn on
a hundred & fifty yrs. old.

so beautifully kept up and the
out look is wonderful, the lady
the daughter who live there
me long. How I did wish we
could stay a while & give a witness
they were unusually interested
in divine love & me soon in Pittsburg
I think the worst jam in the narrow
streets' Don did see. "we are glad
when we get out on wide streets again"
we found the roads more narrow in Ohio
not so good as New Jersey & Texas.
we got to Glens at Peterstville
about 4 P.M. stayed over Sunday
Glens is the superintendent in the
Sunday school & the church
helps. The only church in the village
a big Sunday school. That P.M.
Acaral took father & me to call

7. Aunt Martha is doing her
part and trusting the Lord for
the 2 sons, Laffy Will-Jenn, Helen
little Jeanie + Billy lonely
children. We went out to Canton
from there, father + I and Will-
Annie, Edill - her husband,
Alveth + Archer with - Edgar +
Callie, we had a lonely and
Satisfactory stay, I think we had
the best time ever with Mr. Henry
Edith + Annie, also with Mary
her husband, Mr. Coffey a nice
man + they have a nice home.
The nephews + nieces + their
children came to - Moby + Eleanor's
home Fri. evening, a lonely and
fine looking bunch. There must have
been 30 or 40 of them

we left. Sat morning met 4 women
dined with; Mr. Mrs. Frank. They
had invited Miss Keen & Miss Warren
with us for lunch down town, we had
a lovely time. Called to see Mrs Murray
& saw Mrs. Reeder from China & then
left for Ada got there about six
Stayed one Sunday with Miss Hallie
Lehr & Mrs. Sarah Lehr Kennedy
Saw old friends I heard about
other. we left about ten and stayed
one night in Cheater hill. Then
Strohs & go to here ~~Tuesday~~
about noon, we to Friday & on
are with Wilbur, all are met
Willard is entering the university
here & he at home this year
will write about them later I must
close we are going to make some calls
may God bless & keep you every moment.
mother.

Mrs. Keen
Mrs. Murray
Mrs. Reeder
Mrs. Lehr
Mrs. Kennedy
Mrs. Willard
Mrs. Wilbur

St Petersburg, Fla.

606 - 22nd av., N.

Oct. 22. 1921

My Dearest Gertrude.

Thanks for your letter, Oct. 19th &
those which came w. Olinda &
she read them to us, thank you for your
General letter of Oct. 11th. We read
it with interest and are praying
the victory will come thro' our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I should have written you, as soon as
we got home which was one week
tomorrow Oct. the 16th at 5-0'clock.

Yes indeed we were tired, & it
we got things straightened around
so we could live, every thing was
so dry & seemingly begging for
a drink. I think Georgia was
even dryer.

God has sent rain & now rain
The paper says a foot of rain has
fallen, Monday Abigail washed
Some of the clothes finished
yesterday & got them all dry
Today when ironed. Now had a
good rest & sleep & feel like finishing
but she says no. I'd like to
now, better, or try to, at least.
Debra is coming Friday so we'll
clean the house then & get ready
for Miss Snow, she is coming
and will be with her & will
set. P.M. & return Sunday P.M.
our brother-in-law was taken a
boat two weeks ago, I think her
sister died last year.
We'll have a good visit I know,
no word has come about Dr. Love
& the Dr. Camps nor the bands
& people who got away
Miss H. Smith sent me a letter and

³ Coming. No so hot + sultry +
close, like it was in July.
We are working for our three
dresses that are to be sent by
Hugh. By the way your two trunks
left here Monday P.M. by
railway express. The express
men came + got them. They will be
delivered at your house maybe
are there now. No duty should Co D.
They could not tell just how
much it would be. I do not
forget that some of the
express baggage is coming by you
+ some day I'll send it.
Just now we are a little
pressed. I will send you coat
soon. Please tell me how
much I am to charge for
Teddy's bed + chair. I'm going
to buy to see them and also this

Dr. Underwoods Station Report
Inquirer if you got out?

We had a letter from Mrs. Bernice
& Anna Bergman, which I'll
send for you to read.

We certainly hope they all will get across
the Pacific before real war begins
between U.S. & Japan. God grant
that it may never begin.

We heard one the radio today that
all were saved from the ship in
the Atlantic which was torpedoed
yesterday. Miss Jacobs & Miss
Marci were not on it as you said
they had not sail by Nov. 9th.

One report said that the U.S. are
combating the sea for the Sub-
marines. We hope they will comb
out every one. How cruel indeed
all this war is.

Must hurry this letter off for it
to look & surely a big relief is

5- useless refrigerator if I
can.

I am so sorry I didn't get to
make all a long the way but I
just could not, when night
came sometime I was very
tired other time not, we had a
wonderful trip all the way
& took it slowly. Clinta did
just splendid and she drove
slowly & carefully.

We spent today at the Phelps
they left at 11 A.M. ^{next morning} previous
appointment & returned Fri
morning. We had a good quiet
rest while we were at. We left
Sat. morning. They are taking
Florence Ruth back to her
School at Lexington, Ky. 80 or
more mile away. They would
stay all night Sunday night

do some business & return on
Monday. I must tell you about
the last four nights we were
out. ^{Some how} just lovely people & we
had such good fellowship
with some of them.

God was so good to us all this
way. Oh! how I would love to
see you all. I just long to see my
two little boys & my sweet heart
girl. May God grant you his richest
blessing & keep you well.

It aunts so much for the pictures
are so glad to get the Honolulu
one of you & the children, where were
you at then? A number have asked
about you, one Miss Louise Skene
has some about the falling. The home
center is at Moody. A sweet fair
young woman. I could not wait to ask
her about her sets. Saw her at the
Luhua church. Just heaps of love
bear our mother.

Oct. 29. 1941
605-22nd av., N.

St Petersburg, Fla.

Dearest Leticia: I am so
sorry that I cannot visit more
often. Am glad the trunk went
safely. Yesterday I sent your
coat by Railway Express, also Mary's
which I had to borrow.

You will get it before this letter
reaches you no doubt.

I wonder where time does fly so
fast by. Same old story Three
meals a day, ~~eat~~ it, eat it,
then wash the dishes.

I guess I got too tired after I
got home and I had a spell of
indigestion: but I am better now
and if I rest & go slow when I
get on my mill: but when will

I've got my "thanks your letters"
written, I must just stick to it
and it will get done.

I think we'll have Delia come
two days a week, do the ironing
& cleaning, we can do the
washing easily with the machine.
May be she can do some of the dish
washing too.

Yesterday Elvete went out to
Factor Springs & spoke to
their missionary society department.
He & his new wife brought her
home, he asked about you
& remembered you had been there
last year. He was married in
September has a young looking
wife. Elvete said they had a good
meeting tho not many there.
We haven't seen many of the St. P. -

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Friends got. The first Sunday
after we came back Oct. 19. we met
at the Central church. Dr. Hartland
preached. Mr. Barnard is not
well had an operation + got up
in soon + is not well, cannot see
him yet.

Miss Ives, her niece + nephew
came Sat. evening + stayed until
Sunday P. M. Her brother-in-law
died I think in Feb. her niece
came from Iowa with her niece +
when she was here visiting, they
were called the land a hot one
month. Now Miss Ives + her
nephew are to live here I think.
The niece will soon return.
Her nephew works so he had to be on
duty early Monday morning

no met. F. M. Parson's church.

† Miss Smith looks not so well
She had been to see Miss Bert.
She is about the same. Her mind
still failing. In hope to go to see
her as soon as we can leave.
Then go into Bank Tower to
the Bureau where Miss Smith
lives + to Palace Theatre where
Dr. + Mrs. Fox live.

Elmer took Black Beauty to
the Buick Company + had
her all over and repaired
and the "spots" with fresh paint
and a new coat of wax or
something they put on. So she
came home this evening as good
as new. They said she is ready
for a five thousand mile trip.
We are getting black earth
+ renewing the flower beds, trees

And grass etc. The grass looks
 about worn out. It was dry so
 long & the pump wouldn't work
 so there it was. The man came
 cleared out the two mills
 put the pump in order so
 now is all, we have beds in
 town the fact & the pump
 starts. Now my thing has lined
 up, we had several days of
 heavy rain, which started
 hanging to get places for roses
 & lily bulbs + some other
 lily bulbs. I am sending to
 Texas for rose catalogue.

These reports are in reply to a card
 from Mrs. Smith's
 Mrs. Smith's

Mrs. Smith's
 Mrs. Smith's
 Mrs. Smith's

Mrs. Smith says she has very
 good success with roses. If she
 can so I can too. I'll try
 the best I can do.

6. Mrs. Barksman is much better
No heart trouble, I guess she
has rented the apartment on
Mad. She wondered if you had
trouble with the electricity
when you were there, I did not
think you had.

is all having pure summer
matter, 86¢ + above.

I think I'll sleep out on the
porch tonight for it was so
hot last night. The thinnest
dress is the most comfortable
I must mail to Berlin here
they they don't mail the they
with our summer dresses etc.
I am sorry in my heart to
send our "Happy Returns of Day"
to Jerry for this, any
he will enjoy it when it comes
it goes in the mail. Am I glad if

from when you expect
let me
you hope

Andong, Korea,
April 15, 1941.

Dear Friends:

We haven't meant to be neglectful in writing to you these days, but it is just that the time passes before we realize it. These are wonderful times for proving God's promises, and we're finding them all true, and abundantly sufficient.

Such busy times in the Hospital! The regular Korean doctor is away for a year of research study, and so far we have not been able to secure another to take his place. It keeps the foreign doctor on the go trying to give all those that come in adequate attention, but leaves little time for outcalls. One dear little soul that was admitted last week for an operation is overwhelmed with gratitude for the least little attention that is given her. She was an outcast from her in-laws' home because of a physical deficiency, and her hair had been cut off short as a sign to all that she was cut off from any relationship with family and friends. She was found down on the street trying to beg enough to maintain an existence, but was so weak and ill that she could only lie on the ground. She was brought to the Hospital and operated immediately. The following day when I went in to see her she seemed bright and invited me to sit up on a nearby vacant bed and "play" awhile. I made the remark that she would not be able to eat much for a day or two, and before I could go on she hastened to say, "Oh yes, I had my rice this morning!" An illustration of their oft stated idea, "if you don't eat how can you expect to get well." Some of the women got a real surprise a day or two later when they went in to tell her the story of Jesus, and to teach her the Korean characters so she could read the Bible herself. She said, "Oh, I know those characters. Please go on and tell me more of the story." Her eager attitude seems to say, "I knew all the time there was something in life that I had missed, and this is it."

The Orient may be slow, but there is nothing monotonous about them. The three remaining missionary homes were all visited by a surprise party of policemen and detectives early one morning about three weeks ago. They said they had come to search our homes from top to bottom, and without waiting for consent, came in and set to work, while we went on about our own work so long as it did not interfere with them. Harold took advantage of the time a few of them were resting from their labors and pointed out some treasures of His Word, using a Japanese translation and when they were leaving the second chief asked if he might take it along. Perhaps the Holy Spirit will use the time he is reading it to open his eyes to the Truth. In their search they were interested especially in anything with handwriting on it, so confiscated all letters, even steamer letters we had received when first leaving ten years ago, all Bible study outlines, a few negatives, some books, and much very useless stuff that will merely take their time in examining, and perhaps give employment to someone who would otherwise be out of a job.

There were some amusing things in connection with the "incident". While the 20 or more searchers were in the house, every road and path on the compound was carefully guarded by other maintainers of law and order, with their gleaming cutlery hanging warningly at their side. Our outside man had gone to the barn to milk, and by the time he was through and ready to come back the party was on and he was told to stay where he was. Before starting to eat breakfast I gave instructions to another man and started him on an errand when I learned that he had

been met on the porch and sent to the basement and told to remain there until they told him he could go. Also, that morning all those who come for milk, (and with the exception of one, all of whom are T.B. patients or undernourished babies) were sent back before they reached the house. When the search was over, we three women and Dr. Baugh, the only man in the station, were escorted together with our confiscated goods, to the police station and kept for about 5 hours. Finally, late in the afternoon we were called before the chief of detectives and questioned about 30 minutes, then told to go home and not leave town, nor even think of leaving, until this investigation was over.

Now, the reason for all this investigation is the important point, and one for which we are all overjoyed. Each year the program for the World Day of Prayer for Women comes out and is translated into Korean and sent to churches all over the country. This year, as before, it was translated, permission secured for printing, and then distributed to all churches. It was not until the day was past that someone in authority realized that the main point of the program was prayer for world peace, and without going into details you will understand what a blow and an insult that would be to a country who believe it to be in their power, and more than that, that it is their duty to bring about certain reforms before there can be peace. They, therefore, set about to search and find out in what other ways these foreigners had been propagating ideas detrimental to the progressive moral growth of their subjects.

At about the same time we read in the paper (Japanese owned English newspaper) that two Japanese Christians were being sent to America by the government on a "goodwill" tour. What explanation will they give to the fact that an ambassador and Koreans who had any part in the holding of a day of prayer stressing world peace are under investigation and some of them held in prison?

We are having a good Baby Clinic again after the slack winter months. There was lots of measles and whoopingcough among the children this winter, many of them not surviving, and among the 35 who came up yesterday for weighing and examination only showed ~~some~~ some after affects, but happily none that can not be corrected with the proper care. We are feeding six undernourished babies and two T.B. patients with our cow and goat milk, and all are thriving and getting fat. Our Myung Hi has passed her sixth month at our house, and will soon be ten months old. She is in perfect health, but pretty much of a midget. At every meal she eats as though it was the first she had ever had, and might be the last. She hasn't turned down anything yet, so oughtn't to be much trouble to anyone. We only wish her father would consent to take her back, but it seems to be a case of an unsympathetic step-mother, and he doesn't want to face the consequences.

Have you read Isaiah 45:2 & 3 recently? Also, Zechariah 3:17? Two phrases especially: "He will show thee the treasures of darkness", and "He will rest in His love (for you)". They are true, and how glad we are for knowing them.

Hoping we may hear from you soon, and wish every good wish for you all, we are

Lovingly yours,

Emma Sue and Harold Baugh.

Letter from Rev. H. E. Blair, dated April 11, 1941 - Taikyu, Chosen

Dear Dr. Hooper:

Yesterday, we sent you the following cable:- "E. O. DeCamp D. S. Lowe have received ten months, defendants have appealed Seoul." We are sure that this will be sorry news to the Board, to all the friends of Japan, and to the great body of Christians everywhere. This news will come as a shock to those who had hoped for religious liberty in Japan.

On April 5th, a telegram came to me from Dr. Lowe, in the Taiden Prison, asking me to appear at the prison on Monday the 7th for an interview. The Taikyu police consented and I arrived in Taiden, noon, Monday. Similar telegrams also resulted in the arrival at Taiden, noon, Monday, of Mr. Myers of the American Consulate, Rev. E. H. Miller, Mrs. F. S. Miller, and Mrs. DeCamp.

We all secured from a public scribe, formal applications to see both Dr. Lowe and Mr. DeCamp. With these we proceeded to the District Court Offices. Here we were given permission to enter the prison. But to our utter amazement we were informed that the Court trial had already taken place on April 2nd, that there had been no lawyer present to represent the defendants and not one friend there to show sympathy, that the Procurator had demanded of the Court a sentence of eight months and costs, and that judgment would be pronounced on the 9th of April.

This was terribly humiliating and heart breaking. I had gone to Taiden on March 19th, where I had found that the local lawyer had tried to get the men out on bail, had failed and that he was not authorized by the head lawyer in Seoul to do more. I immediately set out to go to Seoul to see why the Seoul lawyer had not authorized the Taiden, local lawyer to proceed with the defense. But at the Taiden Railroad Station I was arrested in connection with the Butts Day of Prayer matter and locked up incommunicado for twelve days. Thus I was released in Taikyu just the day before the trial was called in Taiden and I knew nothing of it. No word had been sent to the families. No word had gone to the American Consul. The men themselves had signed papers authorizing the local lawyer to act for them in the matter of Bail and had presumed that that would cover full legal defense. In Seoul, the new Com., Miller and Genso, had every reason to believe that the head lawyer was on the job. That we were utterly mistaken as to the activities of the Seoul lawyer seems the source of our humiliating lack of defense at the trial. What a tragedy in the souls of these two men!

After making this discovery at the Court offices we all proceeded to the Taiden Prison and met the brethren. Five minutes conversation in the Korean language only was permitted. When I remember how some Korean women came out of the little cells after seeing loved ones, all broken hearted and lamenting; and then think of the quick steps of Elizabeth DeCamp as she was led across the yard to the booth to see her bridegroom of two months joy, now over a month in prison for the witness of his faith in the One God and his Son, as the only God and redeemer of lost man, and as I wonder how that prim little lady must have felt as she saw her loved one standing bare-footed, that cold day, with beard uncut and hollow cheeks, and as I think of her having to express her burdened heart to him and he to her in the Korean language, with uniformed prison guards to the right and left of the table and he behind it,- as I think of what must have been the burning flame in those two hearts during those precious five minutes, I fairly hold my breath;- and as I think of the triumphant way she came back to us in the waiting room, stepping lightly across the prison yard, saying, "Iy, but wasn't he

fine", and "He is taking care of himself for his finger nails were clean" and "He says he has won one man to Christ",- as I think of these things, the precious words of Peter seem to have been carried out before our eyes, where it says,-

"If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are ye, because the Spirit of Glory, and the Spirit of God resteth upon you." I P. 4:14.

The others of us had divided up the topics for interview, health, money matters, word from Mrs. Lowe and boys, the closing down of the Chung-ju Hospital, etc. Several financial matters were cleared and keys were gotten out of the prison go-down, so as to care for Hospital equipment. We found the men in good spirit and looking as well as might be expected. It was quite a shock to see them bare footed and in prison garb before the decision had been rendered but that seems to be the custom.

Leaving the Prison we went to the local lawyers office and tried to get him to take over the case for the defense at once and petition the Court for a retrial but he declined.

Thence we hastened to the Railroad Station and the two ladies returned to Chungju, while Dr. Miller, Mr. Mayers, and I went to Seoul.

The next morning, Dr. Miller and I, after discussing things with Mr. Genso, tried first to contact the Seoul Lawyer we thought we had retained, but we could not see him. So we went to an entirely new man, a non-christian lawyer who has helped us in the Chungju School property matter. He uses the English Language better than the others and we were delighted with the way he grasped the need of immediate action. We paid a retainer fee of Yen one hundred and were pleased to have him take the first train for Taiden, hoping that the judge might be reached and a petition for re-trial accepted before the handing down of the verdict. But this proved futile.

Later Dr. Miller and I went to the Consulate and gave Mr. Marsh, our Consul General, a review of the matters to date. Also we petitioned him to send Mr. Mayers back with us, because of his splendid use of the Japanese Language. This Mr. Marsh granted, to our great benefit.

After attending Seoul Station Meeting at Mr. Genso's home, Dr. Miller and I again turned toward Taiden, being joined at the Station by Mr. Mayers. We arrived at Taiden at 11:50 P. M. and spent the night in the Taiden Hotel. At 10:30 A.M. Mrs. F. S. Miller, Mrs. DeCamp and Miss Davie, joined the three of us men at the District Court, where we found our Lawyer friend. He had seen the Judge but had little hope of a "retrial". Still he had his written petition ready and filed it the moment the judges appeared at Court.

At the appointed time all six of us followed the lawyer into the auditorium part of the Courtroom. In doing so we walked past Messrs. Lowe and DeCamp, who were on the front bench, or rather standing at that time, bare footed on the cold concrete floor, Lowe in his prison quilted robe of blue and DeCamp in his Western clothing, with his sheep-skin coat off and folded at his side. Their faces lit up as they saw us enter. We took seats directly behind the two men, in the second bench. It was very interesting watching Otto take furtive glances over his shoulder at Elizabeth. Poor Doctor Lowe, had to think of his dear ones away off in America.

The bailiff suddenly cried for all to stand as the Court entered and took seats. Then we sat. Our lawyer was immediately at the rail, petitioning that his appeal be given a hearing. This was denied and the two men were immediately called to the rail to hear their Sentence pronounced. It is hard to remember just what was in the Sentence, and we have not yet gotten written copies. In substance as I heard the translation from Japanese to Korean, it was as follows:-

"On or about January 15th, the two defendants were guilty of Disrespect for the Shrines and of Interference with Worship. They removed the Five God Shelves and Taimé (name slips) from their servants homes and put them in a store room in the home of Dr. Lowe. At this time one of the Taimé was torn by Mr. DeCamp and one or more were thrown away or destroyed by Dr. Lowe. In persuance of Article 70 and several other Articles of the Criminal Code of the Japanese Empire we find that the defendants have been guilty of violation of law and must bear their punishment. They have treated these National Shrines as though they were not different from other common religious objects. The Court therefore orders that they be punished with ten months imprisonment and costs of this trial." The Interpreter very patiently explained the decision to the two and when they seemed to understand it fully, the Court arose, the Bailiff called for all to rise, and we were told to leave the room. So we left our dear friends standing there before the bar in their bare feet on the cold floor. But we rejoiced that we were assured that they knew that we were now standing by with proper legal assistance. They were also told by the Interpreter that if they desired to appeal the case they would be given five days to appeal on matters of law and seven days to appeal on matters of fact as to the case.

After we reached the Waiting Room and had conference, the lawyer began preparing for a petition for Bail and also for the appeal. They are appealing to the Middle Court in Seoul. In these matters Mr. Mayers of the Consulate rendered great help to us. Mr. Mayers and Dr. Miller waited on with the lawyer for a later train, so they could see the defendants at the prison and get their signatures to the petitions for Appeal. The three ladies returned to Chungju, and I was escorted to Taikyu by a plainclothes policeman, who was not a bad companion by the way. At home there was great relief when I returned.

And now comes a wire from Mr. Reiner in Seoul, telling that Dr. Bigger has telegraphed from Pyongyang for Mr. Reiner and me to proceed to Pyongyang at once. So what will be on the boards next? Though we "walk through the valley of the shadow" we will fear no evil, for He has said, "I am with you always."

Yours cordially,

(Signed) Herbert E. Blair

Letter from Rev. H. E. Blair, dated April 14, 1941 - Taikyu, Chosen

Dear Dr. Hooper:

Friday the 11th, Mr. Reiner wired me from Seoul to go with him to Pyeng-yang, in response to a request from Dr. Bigger. In Pyang-yang where I arrived Saturday morning, I found that Mr. Reiner had preceeded me arriving the night before.

We had been called to discuss the matter of legal defence for Miss Butts and the others under accusation. We immediately agreed that we should meet for action at 4:00 P.M. and that we should notify the police of the plan to meet so they could be represented if they wished.

Then I went to the City P.O. to send a telegram to Mrs. Blair. Returning to Dr. Clark's home, I found him in trouble with the police who seemed to feel that he had violated his agreement with them not to discuss the Butts matter with any one. Miss Butts is out and at her home I understand and I had wanted to see her and express my sympathy. Dr. Clark was distressed lest I might have gone to see her, for she too had signed a similar agreement not to discuss her affair with any one. Fortunately I had not gone yet to see her.

It relieved the stress a little when I was able to tell him and the three police who were waiting on him, that I had not gone to call on Miss Butts, and that Dr. Clark had not discussed the Butts matter with me. We had simply discussed the hour for meeting when we expected the police might be with us.

I tried to get the detective to go with me to let me express greetings to Miss Butts, but he felt that it might be misunderstood to Miss Butts detriment. Even though I plead with the promise that I would do all my talking in Korean and would ask him to go along so he could be sure that I did not discuss the matter charged against her, still he felt that it would risk her violation of her agreement and would not encourage me to go to call upon her.

So Mr. Reiner and I took the first train back to the South. It was distressing to see how nervous Dr. Clark was under the pressure of the situation there in Pyeng-yang. Things look rather desolate with all the windows boarded up in homes and schools. The great work of the old Station at Pyeng-yang, seems to have come to a stop.

On the other hand, Dr. Bigger and Miss Myers and Miss Bergman are quite as busy as ever in the Union Hospital. For this we are grateful. Mr. Lutz, also, has a large task in connection with the large farming project, across the river. He is not sure that the offer of work in Columbia, on an 18 acre farm will be as profitable as that on his much larger project here.

I have not tried to send you a full report upon my own experiences of recent weeks. It would not be pleasing to the officials were I to go into details, probably. I was detained as a witness and as a possible participant, returning home after twelve days. The papers taken from our home when it was officially searched have been returned. As I was in Pyeng-yang, Saturday, and nothing was asked of me by the officials there, it seems that they must have come to a realization of the lack of evil intent in Miss Butts preparation of the Day of Prayer Programs. We hope so for all concerned.

Cordially,
(signed) Herbert E. Blair



605-22 Ave. N.
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
June 23-1946.

My Dearest Gertrude & all the children - Misses and Boys.

We surely appreciated your fine Postal correspondence and then your excellent letter from Mountain Rest. It must feel good to sit down and feel that you are to be quiet for a month. What a dear place that must be for the children. We are glad too that there is hope that Harold will soon be with you. It was good to see Mary and Mimi come. We are having a fine time. Mary is so efficient in so many ways. Mimi is so much like Esther used to be. It's living old times over again. She is a dear & so quiet - get-gold of 'em.

My prayer is that you and Harold may be great blessings to all at Mt Rest. Oh I can hardly wait to think what the Lord may use you in Revival services. Oh there is so much need for just such as you two are. So fitted to be used of God. I sometimes don't know why I must keep still and be a "do nothing". Well, learning patience perhaps, my way God know! Best. I feel the issue may be sooner than we ~~think~~ think when the Lord may come for His own.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

Olie spoke ^{in 1st Protestant Church} to the men's class yesterday at E. S., and took mimi with her and put her in a class. Mary Mother + I drove down to church, a fine congregation, and a good service. Olivette is now keeping the car going and is driving nicely too. They are planning a little picnic this P.M. in memory of 47 yrs. ago I believe, - not much tho - a drive to the beach with some friends I guess that is all. We received a fine long letter from Mrs. Reynolds this Am. She spoke very nicely about your visit. It was that I guess that occasioned the letter. The Dr. has quite quit writing she says, spends his time visiting about the world.

Well we are getting fixed up I don't know here we'll run too. I don't seem to have much to say about it I guess. I'm thinking w'd better be thinking some better thoughts than so much about the flesh, and things of the world. It's only proper thoughts that will be of any value when the Lord comes for His own. I want to keep the proper thoughts in store rather than others. God bless you and all the children if they were here mother & the girls would send their love. I know. Sincerely
 S. 12, 12 Father.

606: - 22nd av. N.
St. P. Fla.

My Dearest Lorette: June 30,
1941

Thank you so much for all of your
cards + letters. The last two from Mountain
Rest. Sorry I did not get to that last wk.
Mary came, it will be two weeks this radius,
and tomorrow who will be leaving, for
she goes to work July 16. I think it is
you said you would be at either the 14th
I'm glad will get to see you. I'm
wondering how we would be just must see
you all + Harold will be there too.
I'm all writing to Lorette to get us rooms
near her house if possible.

I hope to leave here July 10th in the P.M.
Spent one night at St. Montreat the next
day. Some time more think by noon
Spent Sunday + leave early Monday
morning the 14th. Spent one night on the way
+ get to either Tuesday some time. From
that on no doubt know of course I'd love to
be at Montreat. I feel happy for the Conference
but they come in Aug. I think might may be

We could go to Mountain Rest: but I doubt if
we could get rooms, tho we had the money.
Ohrille is now finishing our accounts -
and will see how much we have left.
We have enough to finish paying for
all we have bought & more. The last thing
is Mrs. Carnegie's washing machine.
She is selling her things & will sell the
house & lot. I feel sorry for her. She seems
so lonesome. The machine is certainly cheap.
I also have had the original price only been
used 2 yrs. & by her self. We did not hit Tom's
such a chance. The "Matet" Electric Washer.
Ohrille seems to know the make & its running
tho she says she says they cost 125⁰⁰ for it
& we caught it for 75⁰⁰: including the pump
for tubs etc. etc. last night the window
fired & down from the top, 22 windows
including this in the attic & garage
They were packed in with the Constant painter
& it was hard work to get them. It makes
a lot of difference in the ventilation of
the house all over. The attic is very
different tho it is still one go
my! but it is hot here, truly last evening
when the rain it was 75⁰⁰ down down on the

porch. The thermometer stays in 90 all
the time when it doesn't get 100 +
The continued heat most of the time is
what bothers me. usually the nights
are more comfortable & we can sleep.
Oberte & Mary got two "Sand miller" beds
mattress in the Springs. the two for a little
one \$26. a good buy. the two for less than
one of the others. Mary is making covers
for them. The Roman Hygen must top &
a Colored Side quilt has pillows of the
Colored material. They both sleep out on the
porch & enjoy the cool. The deskport has
come w/ the chair yet. we are so glad we
had the light Colored material, it looks so
much cooler. we got a Cupboard made
in the little entrance porch outside the
kitchen from the floor to the ceiling, has the
Electric meter in the center. The door has
four small doors. what a useful
Cupboard, how glad Sam, Mary found in a
2nd hand store an old Metal kitchen
Cabinet. when it was new it had an iron top
& all the other conveniences. They took it all
out & repainted its inside & out we got it
all & the delivery for \$11.00.

It just fits between the door & the breakfast
nook. What a comfort - to have a place to
put things. A new cabinet not many as big
was one \$30.00. Now we are thro' buying
life. Mary is helping me cover the
mattresses & may be we can cover the
spring m. She bought her electric sewing
machine. She is helping us in so many
ways. Cooks, wash dishes, irons etc.
From this on I suppose we'll do our own
washing & get Deliah to iron. She is such
a nice woman to have around. In fact her
son is after-noon & Saturday all day.
Mimi is with us & we do certainly enjoy
having her. She started this morning at 8:30
attending the Woodlawn Daily Vacation
Bible school. She plays with 2 little girls who
live near here & can go with them.
Mary took & met after her this morning. It
& blocks from here. It's too hot for her to walk
that far. We have been going there to church.
But not certain what we will do, where we will
go. I have met a number of your friends
from the 1st Church especially & they always
ask about you. Two of them called on Sat.

5. One of the Sisters said she had distributed all the literature you gave her. She is much interested in the revival & may be back for next winter. I had a letter from Sue Adams which I'll send as soon as Abatti & Mary reads it.

Today a letter came from Esther saying she may be able to get a house near them for the last part of July & Aug. The man & his wife are going away until Sep. 1st. All good friends of Hugh & Esther. They know them in winter. Hugh will have told you. This P. M. I have cleaned out my desk. May be now I can get some letters written.

How time does fly & I get no little done. The first thing I do is to put the attic in order. I have my molar things about all put away.

6. We have the house looking pretty
nice, but there are many things to
still do: but I am going to go stir
these hot days & if we can't get
through this mil just shut it up
& finish when it is cool.

I trust you are all keeping well
& hope you won't overdo at any time
& remember your own responsibilities to
your children.

We are anxious to hear from Harold
and if he did get to San Francisco
on Fri or Sat. no doubt you have
heard. We sent him a letter & all
earnestly praying for you all daily
may God grant you his richest blessing
moment by moment. With much love

hugs & kisses to you all. Now must
see you soon. Now we can say,

Rose & Ed & Lon Mother

Excuse me from reading this one.

Monday A.M. June 9.

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Dearest Leticia,

I'll put this in Olivia's
letter, which is ready to go.
Truly I am glad you are in
a cooler place than this, yesterday
all day & all night it was
terrible & is the same this
morning. If rain would only
come & cool the air.

Your first postal card came Sat.
and the second from Mary, it came
this morning. So thankful & glad. Of
course God will care for you & the
children, so thankful for the opportunity
you are having to visit. Tomorrow
Harold will sail & we are thankful
for that & God will care for him too.
Mrs. Lyster left for Calif. Sat. evening
was in Atlantic yesterday.
Mrs. Bachman, had a fare

part

attacks on Sat. about noon +
was not found & taken to the
hospital until 4 P.M.

Yesterday we met to-morrow
Church & heard one of the most
helpful sermons I have ever
heard. "The Power of Life." In his sermon
he quoted Ps. 66: 18.

"If I regard iniquity in my heart
the Lord will not hear." To the
most Rev. Mr. M. M. Votto's hair any mis-
heard. The Pastor & his wife are only
the church is only about 7 blocks
away. we thought of you every day
& prayed for you. ~~Dear~~ Dear
had a lovely time. Sure, Daddy
is still getting to pile in the
church so much. Do we miss you?
The house is empty. get a cold
place & stay there this is dreadful
here now. no breeze. The Sun is
coming now so we may get some
rain, much love from
Mother & David Miller

Thursday June 6. 9:30

1944

Dearest Letaude: - you & the
children have been in my mind all day.
I am sure you are all right, and will
have a good and profitable time with
Glenn's & her family.

A big bunch of letters came today & I
am now addressing & sending one in
the morning early. I hope to meet you
when you arrive at Darby.

So glad for Harold's letter & that he
is coming. So sorry we won't get to
see him but we will later on.
We'll have him in our thoughts
and prayers all the way on.

You said we might read his letter so
I did & am putting them in a new
envelope.

This has been the hottest day we have
yet had I am sure.
The men came & prepared for the

bringing of the stove, & refrigerator
& they got it all installed and we
got supper on it. We kept the
old one in the corner of the
breakfast room for a cupboard until
we can get one.

We find we can have a cupboard made
where all the meters are & where
they replaced the new ones, there
will be space below the meters,
we did so enjoy reading Mrs Daugh's
letter, and I am going to write her
I am enclosing it for it was not
sealed. Oh! how did love to see you
all & hear Teddy's prattle,

Am sure you will have a lovely
time staying with Mr & Mrs Martin.
Please remember all of us to them,
and give our love & best wishes to
Mr & Mrs. Dobbell, may God richly
bless each one. Much love Mother



ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.
305-2210 Ave., N

Saturday.

Dearest Gertrude:

I haven't found our calendars so never know the date until we reach the frame calendar at breakfast, and this is before breakfast!

Now now we have missed you all. It doesn't seem at all natural not to have you all here. Thursday we didn't go at things too strenuously as Mother has tired, so we just put away your things down stairs, and John took Jerry's stuff up stairs, -Oh yes- we did do quite a bit. Since John was here, we unpacked and he carried in all our folk's books. I am leaving mine until a bit later date.

Friday morning early I unpacked two trunks and rearranged things in them, and then throughout the day the electrician was here installing the electric range and refrigerator. It is a comfort to have that done. Della is coming today and will do a good job cleaning. Next week, besides taking a driving lesson or two, I want to get Mother's pictures all up, and anything to be put away for the summer done. Our attic looks as if we had moved up there, and that will take a few hours of work.

We've had lunch today as a huge and perfectly ripe papaya and other evening. I eat it all

up and fixed it for eating and put it in the
ref. to chill. Yesterday afternoon when the
neighborhood man came up to see how we e gettin
along, I treated the whole bunch, and didn't
enjoy it. Especially as yesterday was a
VERY HOT day.

Please tell Billy, Lu and Jackie and really
that we miss them **TOO** much, but since they are
such big children and can travel, I know they are
enjoying this trip, and will be very thoughtful
courteous and careful people.

Heaps of love, dear. Mother has thank-
ed you for letting us read our letters from the
front and we are so grateful. Don't you let
your boy do any shooting around. When I told
about the Beebe gun story, which Harlan lives to
some neighbors, and that the cops made the folks
apologize, one lady remarked, "Of course they
should apologize. The child had no business to
have the gun!"

Love
Christie.

Will send Emmy Sue's in
the next letter

605 - 22nd av. N.
St. Peter's Bay.
July 3. 1941.

My Dear est Lestrade:

Thanks so much for your letter
I am very glad to hear that
but it seems the milk just piles up
& with the "going" etc the time is gone.
To day at 1:15 - we left for the
model dairy. I am so sorry you
did not get to go when you came back
that will be about the first thing we
will do. It's a sight worth seeing
to see the milk pass from the cow
through the milking machine into
the cooler, then into the bottles &
none of the milk is ever exposed
to the outside except the dipping
& that in the milking parlor
& put into the cooling tanks without
being contaminated. To see the

2
I saw milk all the time, & now
that we have seen it & see how
clean & careful it is put up,
no doubt feel at all doubtful
about it. Since we came back we
all had a nap & ~~will~~ will
soon go out to Pass a quill for
a Dinner & our supper.
This evening I am going to my
new bathing suit, which was
given to me and also one for
father a long one, but he will
put it on & go in the tub
two times.

It sure is hot & damp, so glad
you all are missing it.

Mimi don't seem to mind it much
she is a dear child, she & Grand
father do enjoy each other. They
play diamonds & she takes sometimes

3. They go walking & found father
reads to her & she begs for him to go
on reading. She goes to the Daily
Vacation Bible School at the Hood
Lawn Church from 8:30 to 11. A.M.
About 50 attending. Olive & Mary
take her & go for her. The sun is
so hot it's hard for her to walk & look
and a lone little girl was going
with her but quit because it was
too hot.

We are thinking much about Harold
Crawling, more anxious to hear
what day he will arrive.
We are so glad we'll get to see you
before you leave for Ventura. & now
since we are getting the Jackman's
house from July 1. to Sep 1. we
may go over to Ventura to see you
for a short visit if we can get a
room for a few days.

the time when here July 10." stay
one Sunday July 13 in Montreal
& get to Arthur on Tuesday
about noon in my car & then to
see you & Escher's breakfast room
my car go into hotel for a night
or two. If the Falkmans have
no other business of July 16. I might
go there in the P.M.

They thought I might stop with
Robert & Ella at Manassas on
the way up; but it will take
so much time & Mary must
get home on the 15 for she
goes to work at 7 A.M. on the 16.

We are truly glad to go & escape
these hot days. The nights are
not so bad usually its cool &
the girls sleep on the porch and

5- its lovely out here, This is our
living room thru days when we
have time to sit down.

Mary has been so busy sewing. She
has made the three mattress covers
we are on, + will soon finish the
covers for the two porch couches.

9 P.M. we just got home + have had
prayers, we must out to Passa Hill
for a swim + picnic supper.

Mrs. Learney must milk + did
enjoy it so much. Poor lovely woman
if she only knew the Lord better
she said, she reads John + every
day. she surely will be blessed
if she reads the word + puts it on.

I just long to see you + to have
fellowship in the Lord only a
little one a week + I will
see you all. I'll try + get
this up to the top if it

will go out at 5 A.M.
I hug & kiss my sweet little
children & long to do it my self
& it won't be long.

Love heaps & heaps of love
Mother.

Give our love first to Harold
when he comes & tell him
we'd want to see him & we
hope we'll see all of you
soon long. Love
Mother

Please excuse mistakes de -
I can't read it one this time.

146 Leonia av.

Leonia N.J.
July 28, 1941

My dear Gertrude:

Not a word have we heard since you left. feel sure a letter will come today. We came over here to this home on Friday and you left Sat. It seems so long since then. I almost feel home sick to see you all.

Could you find a robot for us for a holiday some time in August, when it will suit you for us to go.

We have been so busy doing this & that.

Either let us have some apples and also some apple parings, so we made some jelly & jam. We'll not have to buy any while we are here.

We do like this lovely house and this quiet place, either we go down & either or she comes up here nearly every day. Chrille must this for more help get the potato seeds to Dr. Felt's

friends asking them to send him a
post card for his 80th birthday
which is tomorrow. To bad they
didn't get them off sooner. I talked
about it soon after he came + I thought
later though had done it

Tomorrow will take a cake + some
other things + go there for lunch
and surprise the dear old man, and
say happy birthday. He's just a
dear patient old man. Oh! Get Gregory
soon call him home to himself.

The other evening father + I sang the
hymn "Blessed Hope" for him, how he
did appreciate it. Last evening, Hugh
Ecker, the children + Carol Lutz came
+ had ice cream with us + then to + we
had worship like the last time. Mrs

Lutz came. Betty + Pachel sang out to
Lake Dale + most Lutz + Carol expect to
go on Thursday to Ohio. Mrs. Haifbr
will be here. We attend the Presbyterian
Church. yesterday Dr. Barnes who I

I think they said is Sunday for the
Federation of Churches. He read Isa 45:1-18.
He took 45:3 for his text + thought.

How I did wish that Dr. C. S. Clark could
give them an exposition of the chapter.

There or your churches have united +
have just the preaching service.

I think Erchen's Children go to Edgworth's

in Sunday school, only a few people
are at the service. Last Sunday

a professor of Education from Michigan
university, who is lecturing in some

Summer school occupied the pulpit

the pastor of the Presbyterian Church

read Isa. 65 - The professor's subject
was "The Tragedy of Education"

It was no sermon, no honor to God + Christ
was left out. Aristotle would have

been a good subject for it. Modernity
is a disaster. I guess the pastor

felt ashamed + sorry. Don't they

need a revival? I wish Harold
could give them a sermon.

We are praying for the hoped for
revival and trust Miss Jacobs and
Miss Maria can come. Doubt be
discouraged about St. Petersburg
I hope some General of the Pastors
will do what they can. We want
it may be no.

I must get more time for quiet
reading the Bible prayer, here but
some how there is always something
doing. He not yet for and Elvete
has not yet come back and I must
go down & get supper, father & I
just had a little lunch.

I got some apples which I intend to
do for jelly & jams. as it goes
almost every day. I can't help but
think of Father. I do think of all
the women Christians lots of the time
I make care and take a nap among

The persons in thought and prayer
no doubt you have seen the paper
about the ship Talita Maan
still in the San Francisco harbor
rather out side for it wont go in
with its \$2,500,000 worth of silk for
New Jersey and 247 passengers
Dr. Clark one of them.

Mrs. Lucy had a beautiful dinner
for Katharine's birthday. She &
Margaret are the same age, 22
& the same day. We were invited
Clint's could not go but father &
had a lovely time & was so glad to see
Mrs. Clark & Katharine.

This is Tuesday morning. After breakfast
gone. The chicken for Dr. Fitch's
Friday dinner is all cooked &
ready for the table. A. R. is
making the ice cream, make the
cake too, with hot liquor to
surprise the dear old man.

To rest you all well.
I long to see you all, my dear
Sweet boys + my Sally too, I
love you very much.

Will be in you soon.
This letter must go right
away. Much love to you
my dear the morning is
John 6:27, 36, 40 & 57,
Much love to each one.

Mothers.
Fidelity to Christ and
love.

John D. Crothers
Andong, Chosen

June, 10-'41

Dear Mrs. Adams:- Would you please send on the enclosed, first to Voelkels and ask them to send on to Ranier. - I thank you for this.

We see where your husband is busy in school, but trust that the out-doors will help his health. Do you have help in the house? I hope you will be able to get some one to help you with your work, so that you will have more freedom.

You asked about your man. I think he has enough now. He has fields etc so is getting along all right. His daughter is in the hospital. She is a nice girl & is doing good work. We will keep you informed about the family. Mr. South is still in Japan. His family said they had not heard from him. It is too bad.

Your place has not been broken in to since you left. The boarding up has helped. We often hear the "toot" of your old station wagon & see it pass. It is owned by some people in a mine to the north of us.

The Baugh's boy continues to go there, but Mrs. Baugh seldom goes to Auger. They very seldom speak to us about the boy. You no doubt heard all from Ranier when she visited you.

There are 5 people in Pyeung Yang held because of the day of prayer & it looks like they would be held yet for awhile. A letter to-day said that even though Mr. Clarke was granted a furlough by the Committee, he could not take it now.

A letter to-day from my sister said the Raupers had been in Ouaha and both had spoken at the First Church. Also Miss Lewis of Korea.

We hear that Samuel was very tired after his school was out. Catherine seems to be doing very well where she is now.

For a time it was most difficult to get sugar, tea, coffee, shortening, bacon & other things, but now we are able to get a little.

Hope that you are having the rest you need & that all is going well with you.

Write again when you can. Kindest greetings to you & family. Love to you and the children.
Lovingly,

I have returned all your Ellen Brothers glass fruit jars. Many thanks for the use of them. I will do whatever you want done with your things, that is any orders you want made.

John D. Crothers
Andong, Chosen

June 10-1941

Dear Andong Friends! - We rec'd several letters from Ranier and appreciate her faithfulness in writing very much. Mrs. Adams good letter came to-day having several enclosed from Mrs. Voelkel. We enjoyed them all so much and read them several times. We could picture the trips you had on picnics in Florida, Mrs. Voelkel. You described your everyday home life so well that we could see you look one. We are so glad to hear about little George's progress and trust he will soon be strong again.

We have been having lots of rain lately and the gardens are very good. We are having all the peas and straw-berries we can use. We used all we could give away to friends, hospital, post-office, officials, etc. and then did the Voelkel & Adams patches; giving the money for charity work in the hospital.

It seemed strange not to get ready to go to Annual Meeting this year. John went as a member of the Committee and Mrs. Baugh went to type. Just three of us were left to run things. Mrs. Baugh & John both stayed at Mrs. Kumabes. A number of others were there too. No great changes have taken place in the Stations. Since William Ross is alone in Kang Kei different members were assigned to that station for the year. Some one from Andong is to go this summer. In the Fall Guda is to give three months, then Helen Henderson and after that Jean Helmarter, - 3 months. Mr. Ned. Adams is to give three months to Suen Chuan.

Things seem quiet here for the present. The hospital is going along very well although it is hard for Mr. Baugh without a Korean doctor. Mr. Paik is still in Seoul. We are looking for a doctor & trust one can come in June. The difficulties that confronted us in Jan. & for a number of months ^{after that,} in the hospital have been removed, for which we give thanks. Ranier will understand this. We have our assignments there preaching & we can be kept busy meeting so many

Ei Kwon Shal has a steady job at the Baughs as a gardner. He does good work too. Yang Si is now washing at the hospital. She is not very strong but seems glad for work. The Adams amah has gone to Japan. Daisy's old man & his son, (who was married about a month ago) now, live in that house. Your cook, Mrs. Adams is with her husband but I have not found out her address yet.

Ei Moksa is out at his home. He is much better and able to be around his home. They have a new son, but she does not have milk for the baby. They are getting cow's milk from the Baughs to feed it. It seems to be gaining.

When Mrs. Baugh was in Seoul I kept her Korean baby here. The baby had been very ill previously and almost died. It had measles & then dysentery — She was good, but so

weak that it was pathetic. She is some better now.

The baby clinic has started up again. ^{John D. Crothers} ^{Adams, Chosen} It began in April. 48 babies came yesterday. The mothers are taking quite an interest now in this & many going to the hospital. Last Thurs. night we had the choir here. John lead their devotions. After the practice we served straw-berries. They do not meet here every week, but practice after the service on Sundays.

Horace Underwood Jr. is to be married in July and live out at the College in the Miller - home. He is marrying a Joan Davidson I think her name is. The Underwoods are staying out for another year. I do not know what plans they have for a school in Seoul next year. The Fiele's will soon be returning home. He is to be retired.

We still have our noon Prayer meetings. We are all feeding on the "Word" but miss the rest of you very much in Prayer fellowship and in our other contacts. It is a comfort to know that we can all meet around the Throne of Grace where ever we are. We have been praying every day that you will all in America be used as revival instruments and from there the revival will spread here. Revival is so badly needed here. The Presbytery here, needs united prayer that they may repent and come back.

None of us yet have any definite plans for the summer. We will try and get the Baughs to go away for awhile as he seems especially tired. The spirit of the times is different from former times, so we will probably stay here until the Baughs return. They say the Provincial Police want to buy Sorai. We have not heard details yet.

Ranier, we hope you had a satisfactory interview in Chicago. and a good report of your eye condition. We will be anxious to hear your report of General Assembly. - So sorry you had so much trouble with baggage. It would be well, if we had less, I am sure.

We know the children are all enjoying the schools at home and the advantages there. We were all interested in the account of Sally Lou, Jackie & Eddy Ben's progress. - We won't know the children when we see them. - We see that you are moved & settled again Mrs. Adams. That was a big job. You and Ranier had a great visit. We were glad to get Ranier's account of the time she spent in Cali, and of all the different friends that she met there.

Mr. C. A. Clarke is returning. Pyeny Yang has only a few left. My the changes since last year! We just can't comprehend them. How we miss you all, each one! We are always glad to get your letters. You said Ranier you were like a fish out of water in America. I am sure I will feel the same.

Our furlough has been granted for next April. We are praying only His Will in the matter be done, not ours. We would like to be with the children at that time, but are committing it to Him.

Our hearts ache for the Campbells and trust that His Grace will sustain them through this trial. With our Best Wishes and Love to all. Many thanks for your good letters. Ella Crothers.

John D. Crothers
Andong, Chosen

July, 17 - 1941.

Dear Mrs. Foelkel:-

Thank you so much for the lovely picture that you so kindly sent us. I have it on the mantel so that all in the station can enjoy it together. My! how Teddy has grown. We all exclaimed over that! Also the other two, Sally, Ron & Jackie look so well and happy. How good to see you all again, even in a picture. We are all so pleased over it.

The packages you sent came in without duty. My! how please Yang Li and others were over the things you sent, & how grateful to you that you have not forgotten them.

Waisy has not been feeling so well lately. A bad pain in her side. She says that she is not able to stand up for long at a time.

To-day American mail came. A letter from my sister. She said they had seenARRIER at General Assembly. She was not able to see her for long so did not get much information concerning us. My sister had met the nannies, Wims, Margo Louis & others.

We are still in Andong. It is so cool that I have a sweater on. John & Mr. Baugh will probably not be able to leave because of the hospital. Mr. Baugh is still alone & the work is heavy. Also these in authorities have

said that preaching is to be stopped. Rather than do that
it would be best to close the doors. We are just going
a day at a time. John is now down in the hospital preaching.
We have written to Mr. Blair to come. He is again Chair-man
of the Ex. Com. We are looking for him any day now.
Waisy & I were called about three wks ago to Taku to
appear before the Court over the day of Prayer. We left here
on a Mon. spent the night at Miss. Pollards. The next morning
we went to the Court & each spent 2 hours answering questions.
Then we had the rest of the time free. We stayed until Wed.
evening at six o'clock, getting home at ten o'clock.

The Fletcher home is now used as a home for the nurses
and the Fletchers have moved into the Lyon house. It was
quite a sacrifice for the Fletchers to do this. Little Harry Owen
is now the only child in the station as the Hendersons had gone.
Gerda Bergman is greatly curtailed as to work so are the others.
The hospital work there seems to be going strong and Mr. Fletcher
has the same view now that the rest of us have. We are thankful
for what, Su Pi Y. they are greatly restricted. Hally Corington
is in Kaiy Kei with Lillian Ross. They are alone there. We
had a letter recently from Margaret saying that the men

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who were to sail would probably not be coming
this Fall. The Mission ^{John D. Crothers} _{Andong, Chosen} has planned for ^{some} ~~one~~
one to be in Kang Kei this year to be with
William. -

Young Mr. Underwood is now on his honeymoon.
We have had no details yet of the
wedding. We heard that a number from Baiku
went to the wedding. We have not heard how
many attended. We had a note from Mr. Blair
some time ago from Seoul. He had attended the
trial of the "boys" but we do not know the
out-come. About 61 foreigners attended the tea
given at the Consulate, - in Seoul on the 4th.

We are wondering if you have seen our ^{children}
Catherine will be in Andong until July 26th,
I think. Samuel wrote about Arch Campbell's
death. That was a severe shock to his family.
We have written to them a line of sympathy, but
only one can truly sympathize.

We are asked not to attend services at the British
Church so our activities here except for the
moments are greatly cut down. The women at
the out-come will be. We have not heard really
about other places except ^{in P. U.}

We trust that some of you will be able to
give first hand information about the ^{mission}
in Japan etc. A letter from Margaret says

that many were greatly misguided in this question,

Ei Kivou Chal has been working and doing gardening for the Baugh's. He is a faithful worker. Yancy Si is working at the hospital. The other woman you had is doing a business of her own, baking cakes. - The pastor who was absent from his family for so long has a fine son. A very nice baby. They get milk from the Baugh's because the mother does not have enough. Your cow has been a great help in helping out children. Sally Lou's friend, practices on the organ at her home & helps her mother take care of the baby. They said the training she got in your home comes in very handy now.

We pray for you who are on Fairbrough every day. We know that you are remembering us. We surely need your prayers during these trying times.

We have had so much rain lately that every thing looks very green. Our gardens have been very good indeed. It is time now to put up black-berris. We believe to get at them soon. Written later.

Mr. Blair came yesterday at noon and left this morning at eight thirty. We had a little supper together last night at our house. Daisy & Mrs. Baugh helped with the supper. After supper we had a little

gathering to discuss different problems. We heard about the "boys." They will probably ^{John D. Crothers} be going home to America. ^{Andong, Chosen} Perhaps you will see them. The out come of the trial is not yet fully known. He told us about the Underwood wedding in Seoul. A good many from different parts of Korea attended the wedding. It was quite a big affair. Some things are especially difficult now to get and I do not know how they managed. We have not had coffee for a couple of months. Butter is very difficult to get and any kind of shortening. Also sugar so, our jars of jam are fewer than before.

Ned Adams is now in Syue Chue. He is to be there for three months. Mr. Blair said they greatly missed him from Taiku.

I am sending this for the Board to forward as we do not know where you are. We trust that you will have a good summer & a good rest. Please write to us when you can.

John is in bed with bowel trouble, but we trust he will soon be better. The other members of the station all seem pretty well. Last week Mr. Baugh gave us typhoid shots and Mrs. Baugh was ill from the after effect, also John had to be in bed for a day.

The difficulties around us are many. We need your prayers. It seems strange now to me to be shut off from S. S. & church, but I must find other

Underwood was interested in her then.

ways of witnessing.

With much love to the children, kindest greetings to

I must have met Mr. Blair & you & Underwood at Sorai last summer. Mr.

~~Mr.~~ Voelkel

We will be anxious to know if the two ladies from South Africa can go for revival to America.

Lovingly Your Friend
Ella Crothers.

P.S. 124:8.
P.S. 73:25.

Dear Mrs. Voelkel:- It has now worked out that the Baingus can get away & they will probably be leaving next week. We will stay here until they get back. We have written about your house in Sorai, trying to rent it, and also to sell the case of Cream you left there. As soon as the Baingus get back, John & I plan to go to Sorai & look after things. It seems best for the present to have some one in the station. - We have written to Mr. Miller to see about things at Sorai until we get there.

We enjoyed your good long letter Mrs. Voelkel. Thanks so much. It seemed as though we had a good visit with you. (Below about Underwood wedding)
Mr. Blair said that after a reception in the brides home they all went to a restaurant, where about 500 Korean guests were present & they had a supper. They were married in the Cathedral, the Bishop performing the ceremony & Mr. Kerr at the organ. It was carried

I must have met Mr. Blair & you & Underwood at Sorai last summer. Mr.

505 - 11th Ave. N. E.
St. Petersburg, Florida

March 1941

Dear Friends Everywhere:-

To you who are friends and prayer-helpers of Korea, in these days of her special trial and need we send greetings and an urgent call to renewed perseverance in prayer. Altho our family - with the exception of Harold Voelkel, who remained for the present in the Orient - is now residing in sunny Florida, our hearts are in far off Korea. It was a heavy tug on the heart-strings to have to leave our home there and our many dear Korean friends and missionary co-workers, but God had given grace and peace as He has led us day by day. We praise Him for His faithfulness, and know we can trust Him for all the future.

Arriving in St. Petersburg on Dec. 14th, we were met by friends and soon found a suitable place to be our temporary home, a duplex, in which the Voelkels and Swallens keep house separately under one roof. Located in a section near the bay, not far from Westminster Presbyterian church and the school where Sally Lou and Jackie attend, we find ourselves in really beautiful surroundings. It has been a delightful surprise to find many friends here and to discover how kind are the new friends we have met, so that we have been very happy here. At an annual tea for missionaries where 35 attended, the largest number from any one country were ten from Korea. Such goodly fellowship blessed of the Lord has added to the pleasure of being in a climate so mild, that it seems like Spring all winter long.

We had heard before coming here that there were many Bible conferences and inspiring speakers to be heard during the season in St. Petersburg, and we have found it a true report. The strong messages of Dr. Norman Harrison, Dr. Herbert Lockyer, Bishop Moore, and others who have held up the Cross have been a great spiritual feast. For one week in February the Florida's "Chain of Missions" brought many able speakers with a fund of information and fresh news from far places which was most stimulating. Dr. Robert McClure of China and Dr. E. E. Turner, formerly pastor in Germany, set forth facts in the light of God's Word with great clarity and conviction. Korea's representative was Miss Foster of the Methodist Board who frankly stated the present situation and its problems.

Every word that comes from Korea is eagerly searched, as we realize how rapidly history is being made in the Orient these days. Would you care to hear some extracts from recent letters Harold has sent? He has been working in Kobe, Japan since the New Year, continuing his study of the language and helping as he can with the groups of Korean Christians. His letter of Jan. 3 tells of what happened in Andong during December.. "The latest action of Presbytery will help you understand our grief; the moderator suggested that inasmuch as a certain activity (bowing at the shrine) was "not religious", that they approve placing miniature shrines in all the churches. Without a dissenting vote the motion passed. Just when the installations will begin is not known, but what can we do with a church that is going that way? The little boxes (shrines) have been placed in the homes of the hospital staff members.. that brings us face to face with a situation that requires action, for how can we justify the presence of anything like that on Mission property?" We know that lack of such an action is fear of the police who have forced the leaders to do this.

*Feb. 8. I attended what has come to be called a "jitter meeting". The missionaries of all denominations in this vicinity get together to pool information on the Boards and local church decisions. Some Boards are withdrawing all their missionaries; some Japanese churches are urging the missionaries to leave, stressing the privations of possible

concentration camps and the embarrassment to the church in case of war; other National churches are encouraging them to stay on. By the time a number have spoken the emotions run high; a man who a week ago was going to stick it out, in the meantime has arranged for a sailing, and the church which a week ago counseled staying now thinks it best we should go. One rather stout fellow ~~amused~~ ^{startled} me with an account of the treatment of Germans in the last war when Japan and Germany were enemies; his prognostication was the prospect of missionaries hauling carts around in the event of war. You can imagine what food that would be for the jitters! since steamship space is now very, very limited. Personally, I'm praying that God will give me the patience and wisdom to discern His will in the events of the day, confident that He will make His will for me unmistakably clear in plenty of time.... What I want these days is not just a sufferance of God's will, just being content to stay out here, but a real joy in knowing that the purpose of it when revealed will be more than I could have asked or thought".

The most recent word that has come by cable from Korea tells of the arrest of three of our Presbyterian missionaries who are "indefinitely detained in prison" in Seoul. Two who are men are held for the charge of having removed the small shrine from a Mission building, and a lady whom we have long known as a co-worker is held for having sent out programs about the World Day of Prayer. Further details are not yet known, but we realize it is a serious situation and calls for earnest prayer.

We might tell of cases where dear Korean friends, choosing rather to suffer affliction than to yield to the sin of disobeying God, are enduring untold misery and torture in prisons. Some have lost their minds, some have died, "not" counting their lives "dear", but willing to die rather than compromise in idolatry. What a testimony such martyrs are to the blood-bought church, and how they challenge us to greater consecration and to search our own hearts for any compromise to sin. But not all Christians in Korea, we regret to say, are willing to pay the extreme sacrifice for their faith; many are yielding under pressure of government officials and fear of punishment. We need to be found faithful in holding them up in prayer as they pass thru these days of trial and testing!

As for our family here, - Father and Mother Swallen are looking for a permanent home where they can settle down and make a garden and enjoy the sunshine and rest. Olivette keeps busy as their very efficient housekeeper, and general manager and secretary. Life is never dull with the three grand-children always active and on the go, and their mother has her hands full caring for their daily needs. Teddy, just past two, is now learning to talk and is constantly amusing. A piano in one apartment and a radio in the other provide music aplenty. Every Sunday evening the Old-fashioned Revival hour broadcast by Dr. Fuller of Los Angeles at nine o'clock, Eastern Standard time brings to us a heart-warming message which we hope you too always tune in to hear.

May we ask you to please accept this joint letter from us all as a personal message. We would gladly write you each one by hand if we had the time or strength, but we want to send you this personal greeting and hope to have a word from you letting us know how you are.

Yours in His blessed service,

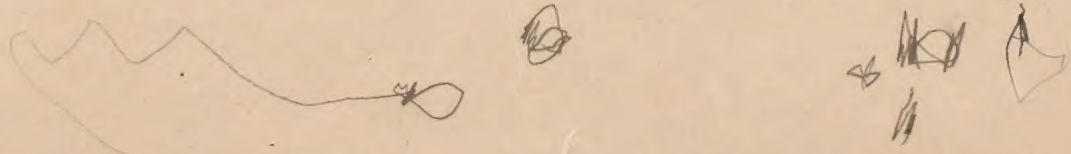
William L. and Sallie Swallen
Olivette R. Swallen
Gertrude Swallen Voelkel
Sally Lou, Jackie and Teddy Voelkel

Almost a halfcentury ago a bride and groom from Ohio arriving in the independent kingdom of Korea found themselves at dusk on the outside of the forbidding stone wall encircling the capitol city of Seoul, the gate of which was locked at sunset. Thus in November 1892 began the missionary career of Dr. W. L. Swallen and his wife, who have seen in the passing years many important changes take place in the history and life of that country, once known as the "Hermit Kingdom" because of its hostility to all foreigners, and now a province of the Japanese Empire since its annexation in 1910. As on that first night kind hands of friends welcomed them and made them feel at home in a strange land, so during the years filled with difficulties and burdens there have been so many joys and compensations that Korea has become truly home to them. In a hilltop home just outside the city wall of old PyengYang, their five children grew up strong and happy, attended a small school with other America children, and after further education in the States two daughters were led to return in the same Presbyterian Mission and have a part in the work their parents served so long and faithfully.

Mrs Olive R. Swallen and Mrs Gertrude Swallen Voelkel (Mrs Harold)

Known thruout Korea for his zeal as a Bible teacher and organizer of churches, Dr. Swallen has also given much time and effort to providing Christian literature particularly studies on books of the Bible, but he will probably be remembered most by the Bible Correspondence course which had been widely used and studied by thousands of Christians. After his retirement from active work he continued his literary efforts, preparing and publishing an Advanced course of Bible study. From his early training on a farm, Dr Swallen gave to Korea his love of trees in the planting of many fruit trees, so that he began what has resulted in a large apple and peach crop in the country. In the hymn book are many translation s of hymns that from his pen some original ones also.

The first political change the Swallens saw in Korea was the fall of the Dynasty when the powerful queen was murdered at the order of Japanese who as early as 1895 were beginning to take control little by little. This was directly following the war between Japan and China, in which the island people defeated their continental neighbors; later the war between Russia and Japan ending in victory for Japan gave the excuse they desired for taking a deeper hold in the coveted peninsula of Korea. Gradually at first and now much more rapidly since the military group has come into power, Japan has been attempting to assimilate the Korean people by forcing upon them the Japanese language, surnames, and even the Shinto religion. Tremendous economic changes have taken place, too, The Swallens witnessed the first railroad running the length of the country, the many concrete bridges spanning the rivers, and the good roads, and splendid large buildings erected with the speed and accuracy of the Japanese enterprise. But with dismay they have seen that the colonization of the peninsula has been carried on after the German pattern, with the prominence of police force, intelligence bureau, and an unchangeable government authority that robs the Korean of freedom and even of religious freedom. liberty.



St. Petersburg.
Easter Eve.

It was a great joy to me personally to have you share in the happy occasion of my 82nd birthday. Your presence helped in making it a delightful occasion and your gracious gift will long be an appreciated reminder of our very dear Korea friends. While enjoying the comfort of this beautiful and restful rocker, my thoughts have slipped into rhyme and rhythm and have become a poem of my gratitude to you.

There is sunshine all around us
And there's joy as free as air,
Where our smiles keep on a-smiling,
For sweet peace is always there,
With our loved friends kind and gracious
Who their gifts so pleasing share
When bestowing of their goodness
In this restful rocking chair.
here These I'll join you in sweet memories
While I'm calmly rocking there,
And dear Sallie will be smiling
While I'm rocking in this chair.

cities When the clouds have cleared from o'er us
And the sun is shining bright,
When the red hibiscus glitters
In the scintillating light,
When the orange blossoms' perfume
Sweetens all the atmosphere,
And the distant choral music
Echoes here and everywhere;
I'll be on the porch with Sallie
And be thinking of you there
While rocking slow and resting
In this easy rocking chair.

When the song birds in the bushes
Sing their love songs to their mates,
When the blue jay struts ~~te-their~~ a-scoffing
At the enemy he hates,
When the sunset's purple streamlines
Tints the heaven into glow,
And the hourly rush of daylight
Yields to calmer poise and slow;
I'll be talking here with Sallie,
Reminiscing of your care,
Will be thinking of you, praying for you
In this comfy rocking chair.

When the mocking birds come singing
And the meadowlark is gay,
And the children on the Crescent Park
Grow hilarious at play, ~~at play~~
When the round of toil is over
And the laborer seeks his rest,
While the youngsters still are lively
Choosing each his own sweet best, *over*

Then I'll calmly sit a-rocking
In that gorgeous rocking chair,
Till the Lord doth come and take me
Into Glory over there.

With hearty thanks and deep appreciation, I am,

Sincerely yours "Until He Come."

M. L. Swallen